

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria in three shellfish propagation waters located in Deltaville, Middlesex County, Virginia.

One impaired segment is located in Broad Creek a tributary to the Rappahannock River and Chesapeake Bay, and two additional segments are located in Jackson Creek a tributary to the Piankatank River and the Chesapeake Bay.

The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first public meeting, to provide information and solicit participation of citizens and local government in the development of the fecal coliform TMDL's will be held on **June 9, 2005** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Deltaville Community Association Building 17147 General Puller Highway, Deltaville, Virginia. Directions can be obtained by calling Chester Bigelow at (804) 698-4554.

The public comment period will begin on June 10, 2005, and end on July 11, 2005. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chester Bigelow and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests should be sent to Chester Bigelow, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23240, telephone (804) 698-4554, Fax (804) 698-4116, or e-mail ccbigeLOW@deq.virginia.gov.